GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
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AGRICULTURE PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the agriculture production during the last three years and till-date, year-wise;

(b) whether agriculture production is declining gradually;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor product-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to increase agriculture production?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): The all-India production of foodgrains, oilseeds, cotton, jute & mesta and sugarcane for the years 1999-2000 to 2001-02, as also for kharif 2002-03 is given below:

(In million tonnes)

	99-2000	2000-01	2001-02 $	2002-03$$
(Kharif)				
Foodgrains	209.80	195.92	211.32	90.64
Oilseeds @	20.71	18.40	20.73	9.89
Cotton #	11.53	9.65	11.69	9.08
Jute & Mesta ##	10.55	10.48	10.79	10.73
Sugarcane	299.32	299.21	292.21	276.39

$ Fourth Advance Estimates for 2001-02 as on 27.06.2002
$$ First Advance Estimates for 2002-03 as on 12.11.2002
@ Includes Groundnut, Castorseed, Sesamum, Nigerseed, Rapeseed & Mustard, Linseed, Safflower, Sunflower, Soyabean.
# Million bales of 170 kgs.
Million bales of 180 kgs.

(b) & (c): The production of principal agricultural crops in the country shows a long-term upward trend, although with aberrations due to agro-climatic conditions.

(d): In order to improve production and productivity of agricultural commodities in the country, the Government have launched various initiatives such as promotion of watershed development programmes, emphasis on developing and promoting new technologies, measures for increasing availability of agricultural credit, Market Information Network, NationalAgriculture Insurance Scheme etc. Besides, the Government also encourage farmers to increase production through price policy which includes implementation of Minimum Support Price,procurement by public agencies etc. Apart from these, the Government have also switched over from the conventional schematic approach to macro-management mode from November, 2000 for providing assistance to the States so as to give flexibility to States to address specific problems faced by them depending on local requirements.